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COME ON  
DOWN, YOU MONSTER  
SEEKERS...



...AND  
BRING YOUR  
WEIRDOS, FREAKS,  
AND CREEPERS...



MONSTER  
HUNTER

...EVERY BEAST  
THAT YOU CAN  
SCAVENGE...





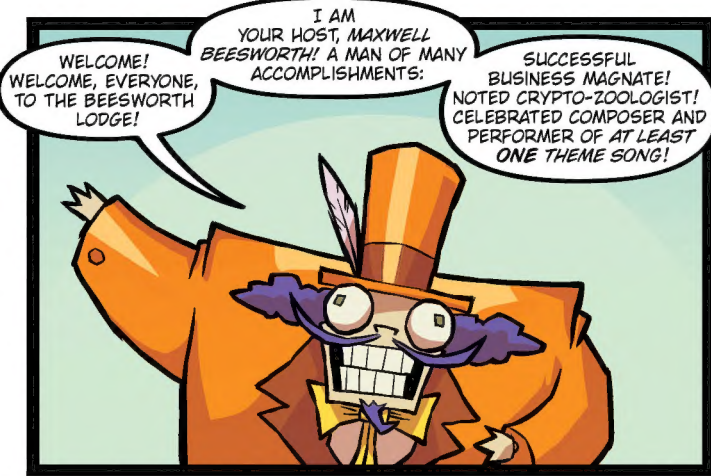
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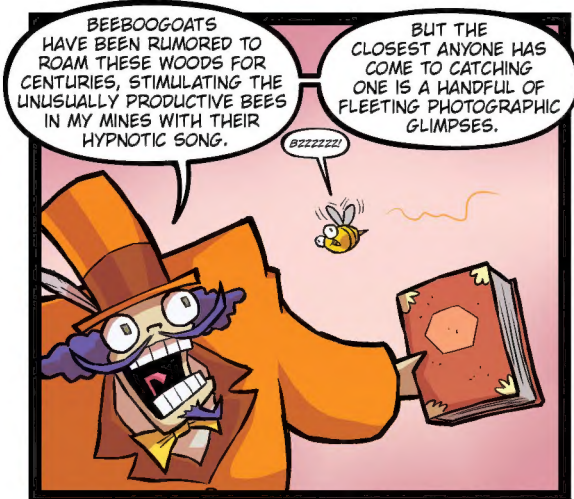
# CRYPTID CHALLENGE!











BEEBOOGOATS HAVE BEEN RUMORED TO ROAM THESE WOODS FOR CENTURIES, STIMULATING THE UNUSUALLY PRODUCTIVE BEES IN MY MINES WITH THEIR HYPNOTIC SONG.

BUT THE CLOSEST ANYONE HAS COME TO CATCHING ONE IS A HANDFUL OF FLEETING PHOTOGRAPHIC GLIMPSES.

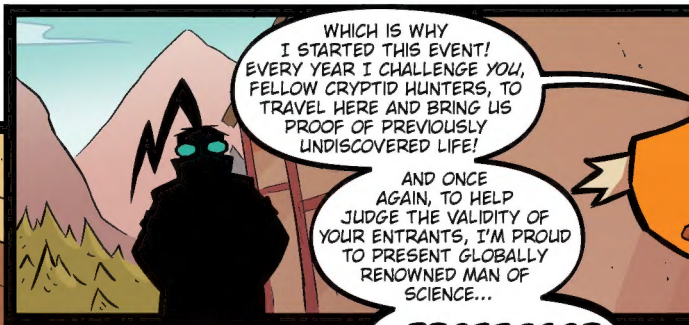
BZZZZZZ



OH, HOW I WISH... HOW I DREAM... WE COULD FIND ONE OF THESE MAJESTIC CREATURES.



WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO HEAR THAT SWEET, SWEET SONG...



WHICH IS WHY I STARTED THIS EVENT! EVERY YEAR I CHALLENGE YOU, FELLOW CRYPTID HUNTERS, TO TRAVEL HERE AND BRING US PROOF OF PREVIOUSLY UNDISCOVERED LIFE!

AND ONCE AGAIN, TO HELP JUDGE THE VALIDITY OF YOUR ENTRANTS, I'M PROUD TO PRESENT GLOBALLY RENOWNED MAN OF SCIENCE...

**...PROFESSOR MEMBRANE!**

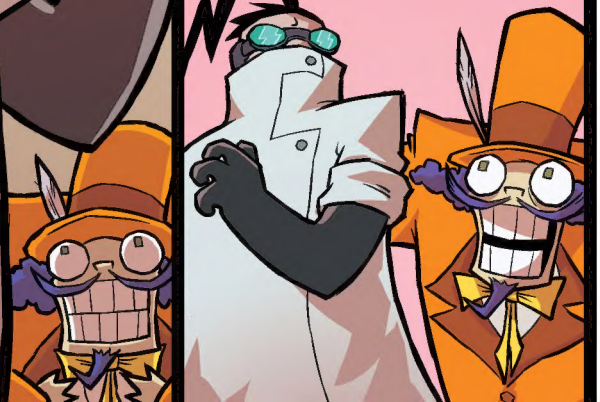


THANK YOU, THANK YOU! I'M ONLY MILDLY EMBARRASSED TO BE HERE.

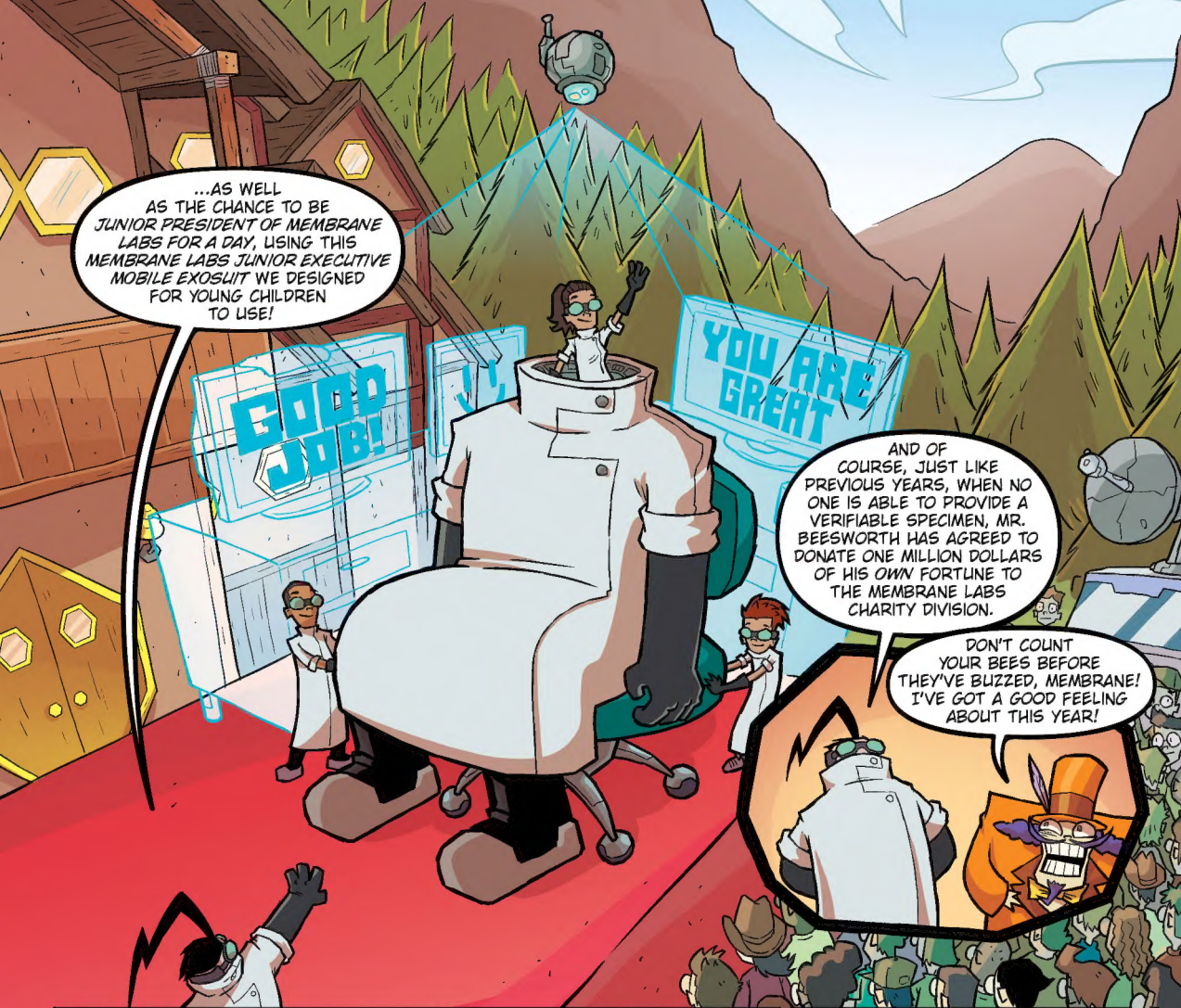
ONCE AGAIN, PROFESSOR MEMBRANE IS CO-SPONSORING OUR EVENT BY OFFERING A MASSIVE REWARD TO ANYONE WHO CAN SHOW US A REAL, LIVING CRYPTID! ISN'T THAT TRUE, PROFESSOR?

IT'S ONE OF THE ONLY TRUE THINGS ANYONE WILL SAY ON THIS STAGE TODAY, BEESWORTH!

WERE SOMEONE, HYPOTHETICALLY, ABLE TO PROVIDE A VERIFIABLE SPECIMEN OF PREVIOUSLY UNDOCUMENTED LIFE, MEMBRANE LABS WOULD AWARD THEM ONE MILLION DOLLARS...



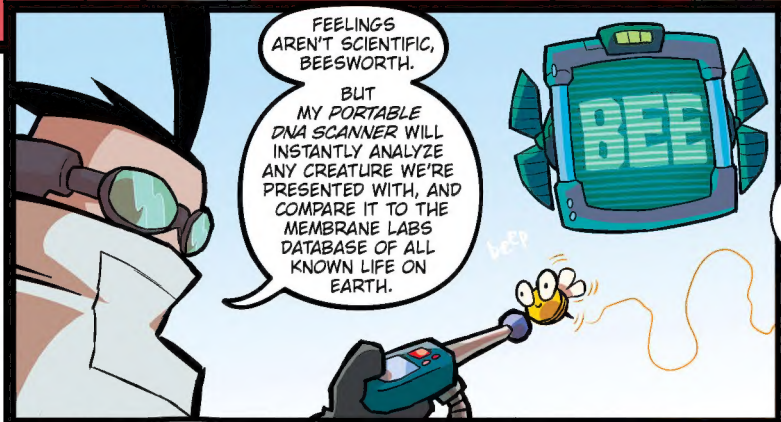




...AS WELL AS THE CHANCE TO BE JUNIOR PRESIDENT OF MEMBRANE LABS FOR A DAY, USING THIS MEMBRANE LABS JUNIOR EXECUTIVE MOBILE EXOSUIT WE DESIGNED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO USE!

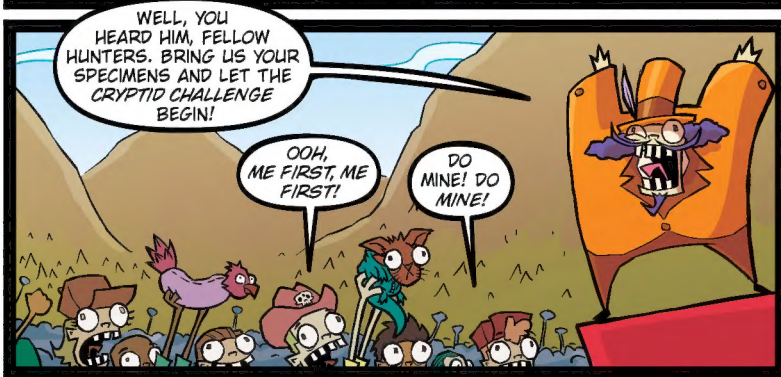
AND OF COURSE, JUST LIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, WHEN NO ONE IS ABLE TO PROVIDE A VERIFIABLE SPECIMEN, MR. BEESWORTH HAS AGREED TO DONATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF HIS OWN FORTUNE TO THE MEMBRANE LABS CHARITY DIVISION.

DON'T COUNT YOUR BEES BEFORE THEY'VE BUZZED, MEMBRANE! I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS YEAR!



FEELINGS AREN'T SCIENTIFIC, BEESWORTH.

BUT MY PORTABLE DNA SCANNER WILL INSTANTLY ANALYZE ANY CREATURE WE'RE PRESENTED WITH, AND COMPARE IT TO THE MEMBRANE LABS DATABASE OF ALL KNOWN LIFE ON EARTH.



WELL, YOU HEARD HIM, FELLOW HUNTERS. BRING US YOUR SPECIMENS AND LET THE CRYPTID CHALLENGE BEGIN!

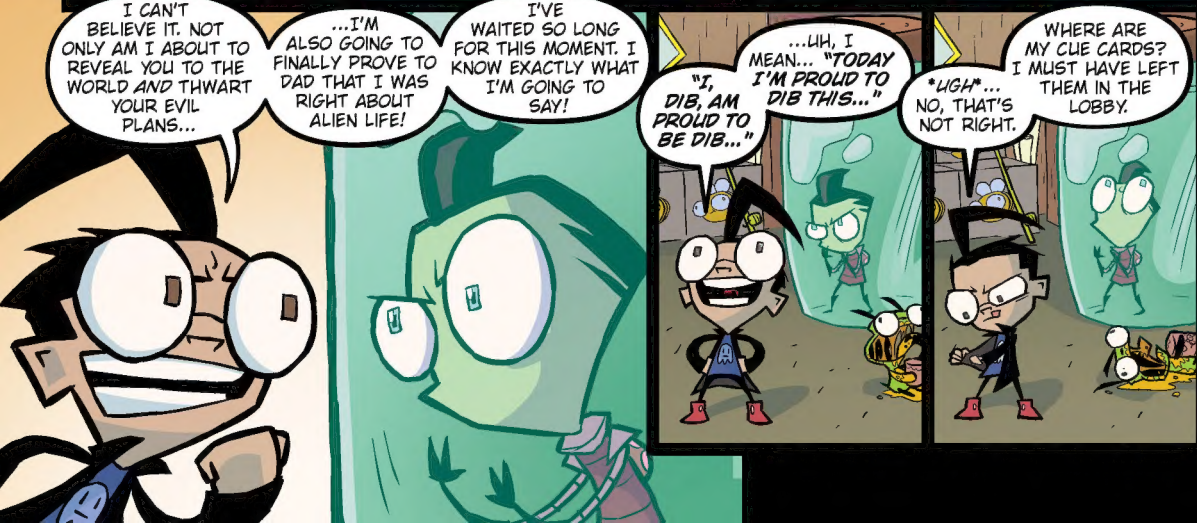
OOH, ME FIRST, ME FIRST!

DO MINE! DO MINE!

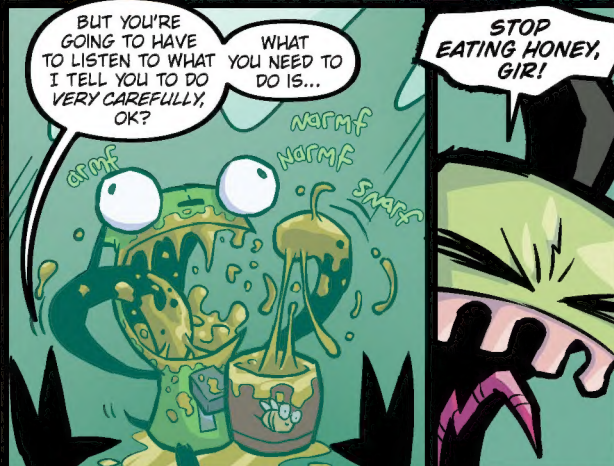
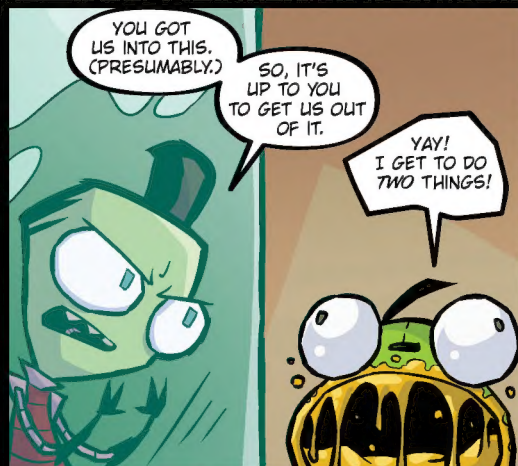
\*SIGH\*..... JUST REMEMBER YOU'RE DOING IT FOR THE CHARITY, MEMBRANE...

DON'T WORRY, DAD. THINGS ARE GOING TO BE MORE INTERESTING THIS YEAR...

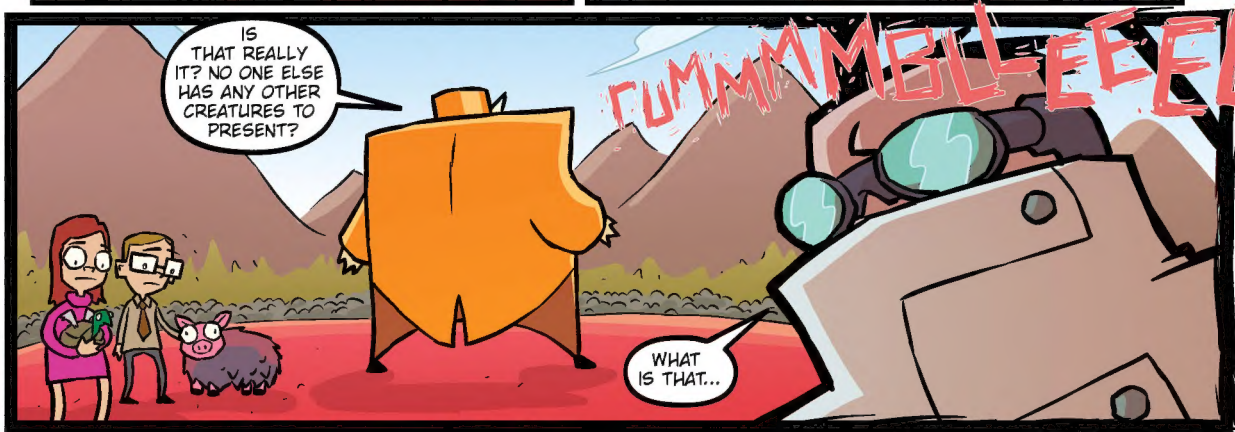
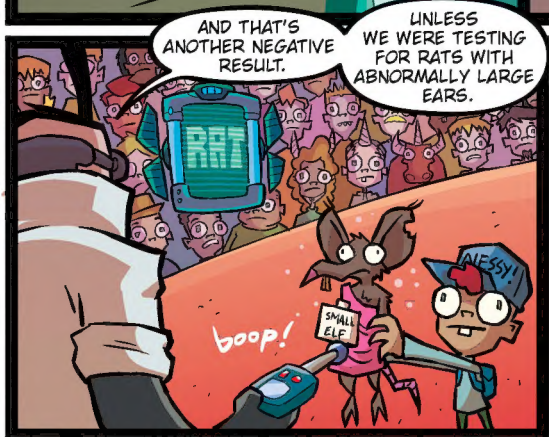




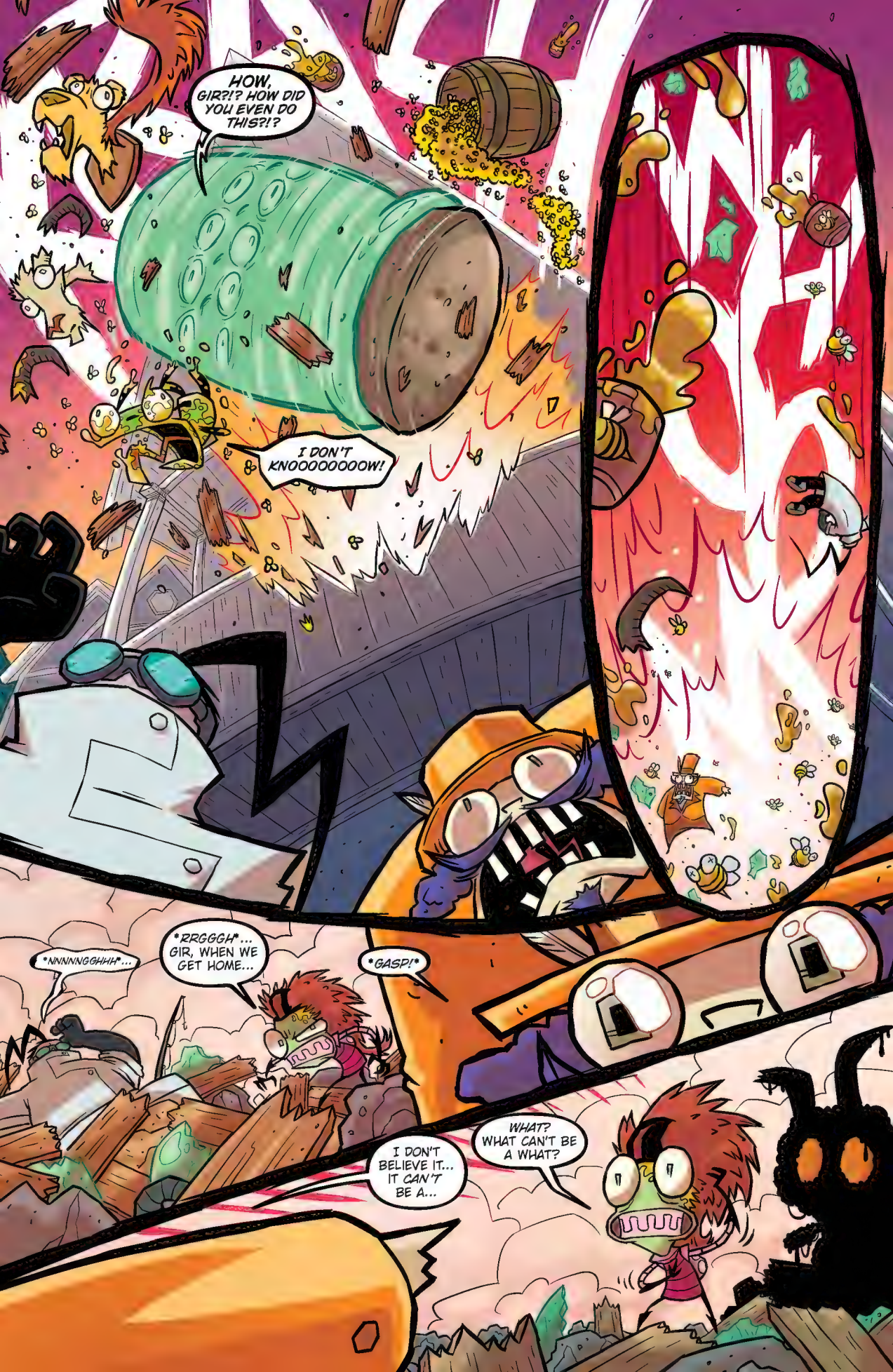












HOW, GIR?!! HOW DID YOU EVEN DO THIS?!!

I DON'T KNOWWWWWWWW!

\*NNNNNGGGHHH\*...

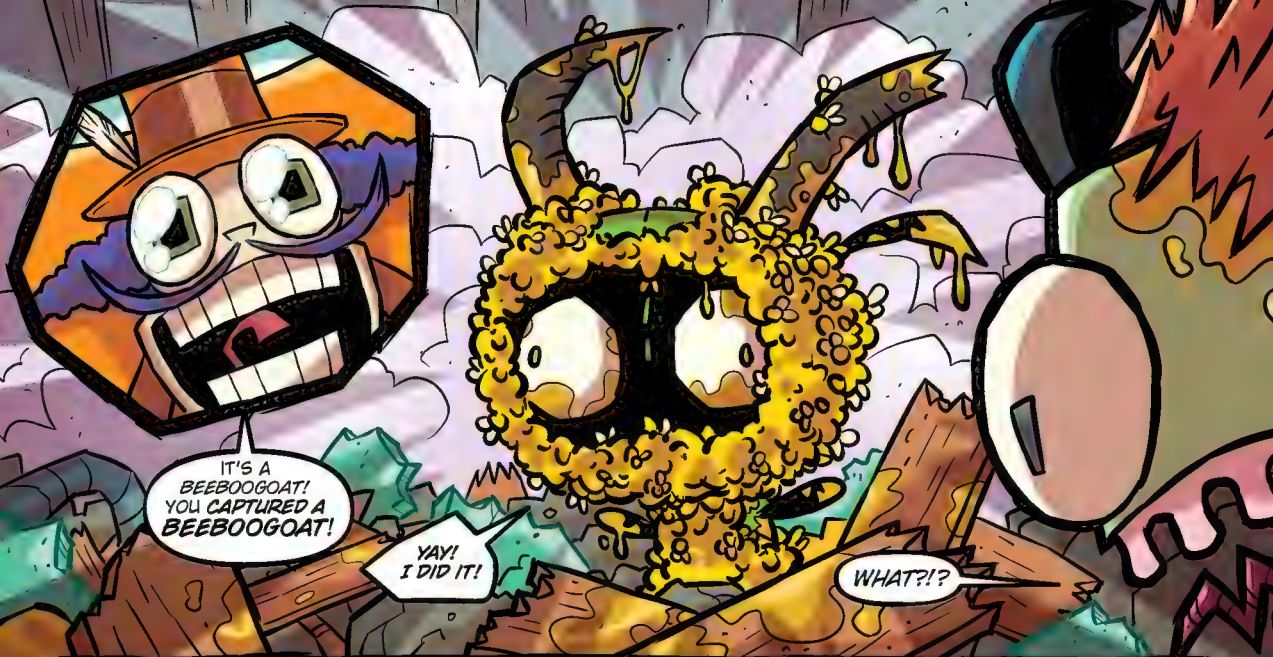
\*RRGGGH\*... GIR, WHEN WE GET HOME...

\*GASP!\*

I DON'T BELIEVE IT... IT CAN'T BE A...

WHAT? WHAT CAN'T BE A WHAT?





IT'S A  
BEEBOOGOAT!  
YOU CAPTURED A  
BEEBOOGOAT!

YAY!  
I DID IT!

WHAT?!?



THAT THING,  
BEESWORTH?  
YOU'RE JOKING,  
RIGHT?

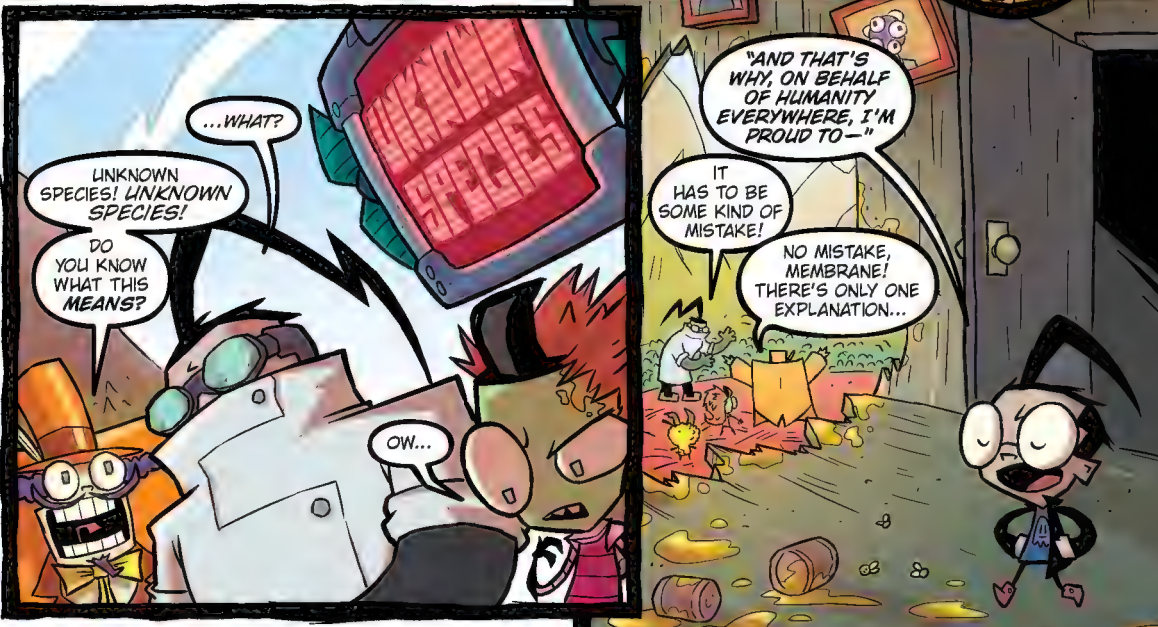
A  
BEEBOOGOAT,  
MEMBRANE!  
TEST IT! TEST  
IT!



VERY WELL,  
BEESWORTH. I'LL  
SCAN IT, IF ONLY TO  
END THIS FARCE  
SOONER.

WHOA, WHOA!  
SCANS???

BUT  
ONCE YOU  
SEE THE RESULTS,  
PROMISE ME YOU  
WON'T...



UNKNOWN  
SPECIES! UNKNOWN  
SPECIES!

DO  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?

...WHAT?

OW...

"AND THAT'S  
WHY, ON BEHALF  
OF HUMANITY  
EVERYWHERE, I'M  
PROUD TO—"

IT  
HAS TO BE  
SOME KIND OF  
MISTAKE!

NO MISTAKE,  
MEMBRANE!  
THERE'S ONLY ONE  
EXPLANATION...







THIS MAN HAS DISCOVERED AN UNDOCUMENTED LIFEFORM!

HE'S FOUND THE BEEBOOGOAT!

WHAT.

WHAT?!?

...WHAT...



WOW! A REAL BEEBOOGOAT!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY.

YOU... YOU PEOPLE ARE JOKING, RIGHT?

I MEAN, WE'RE ALL LOOKING AT THE SAME THING, AREN'T WE?

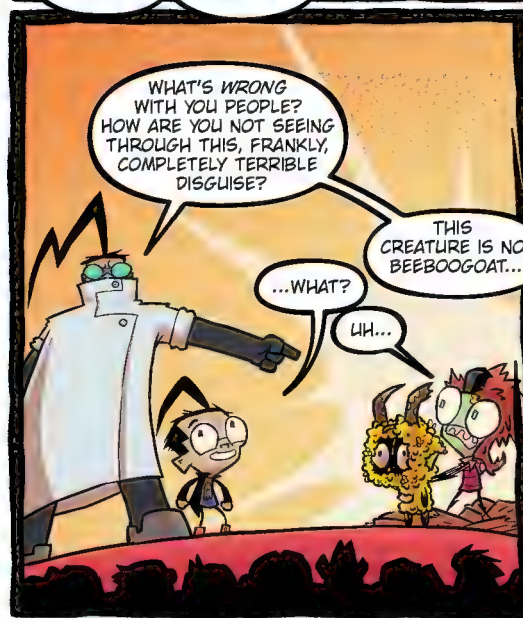


YEAH... SEEING DAT BEEBOOGOAT!

YEAAAAAAH!

BUT... IT'S NOT...

DAD, WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT DID ZIM—



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? HOW ARE YOU NOT SEEING THROUGH THIS, FRANKLY, COMPLETELY TERRIBLE DISGUISE?

THIS CREATURE IS NO BEEBOOGOAT...

...WHAT?

UH...



IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY GREEN DOG COVERED IN BEES AND GARBAGE!



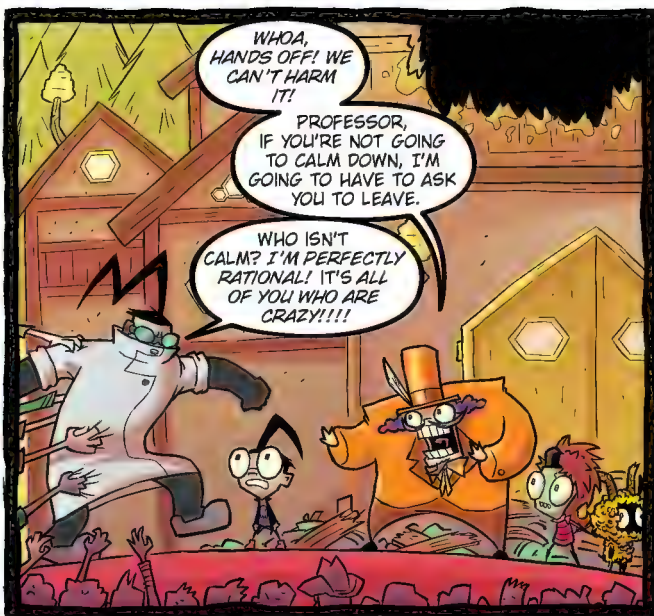
...AH.





BUT YOUR OWN DEVICE SHOWED—

IT MUST BE MALFUNCTIONING! LOOK, I'LL SHOW YOU. JUST LET ME TEAR OFF THOSE—



WHOA, HANDS OFF! WE CAN'T HARM IT!

PROFESSOR, IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CALM DOWN, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

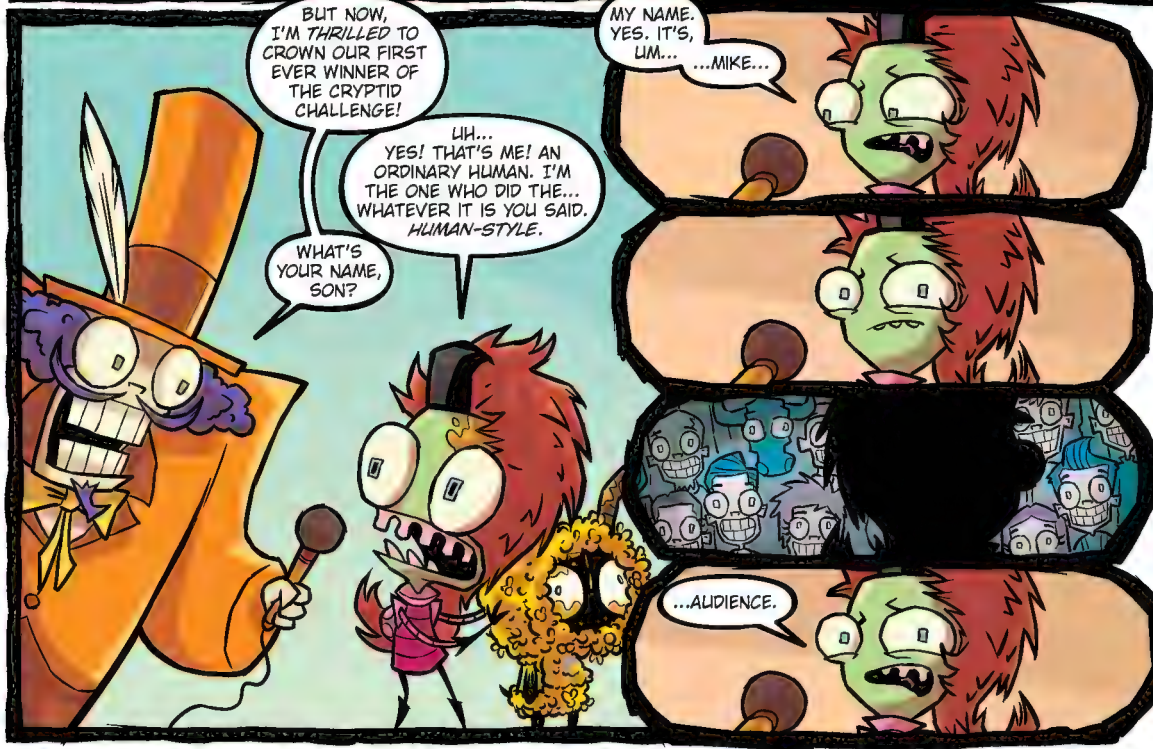
WHO ISN'T CALM? I'M PERFECTLY RATIONAL! IT'S ALL OF YOU WHO ARE CRAZY!!!!



THIS ISN'T SCIENCE!

IT ISN'T EVEN SOCIAL SCIENCE!

APOLOGIES, EVERYONE. APPARENTLY SOME OF US ARE NOT GRACIOUS LOSERS.



BUT NOW, I'M THRILLED TO CROWN OUR FIRST EVER WINNER OF THE CRYPTID CHALLENGE!

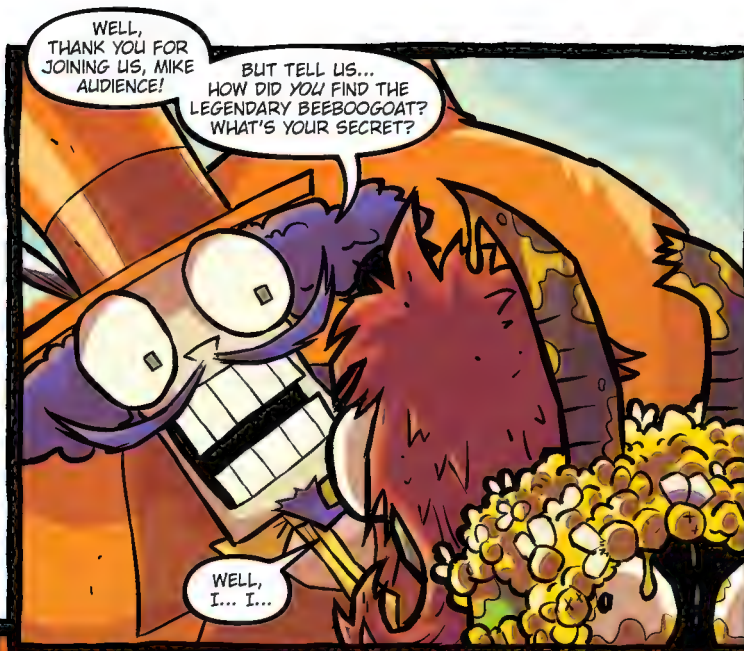
UH... YES! THAT'S ME! AN ORDINARY HUMAN. I'M THE ONE WHO DID THE... WHATEVER IT IS YOU SAID. HUMAN-STYLE.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SON?

MY NAME. YES. IT'S, UM... MIKE...

...AUDIENCE.





WELL,  
THANK YOU FOR  
JOINING US, MIKE  
AUDIENCE!

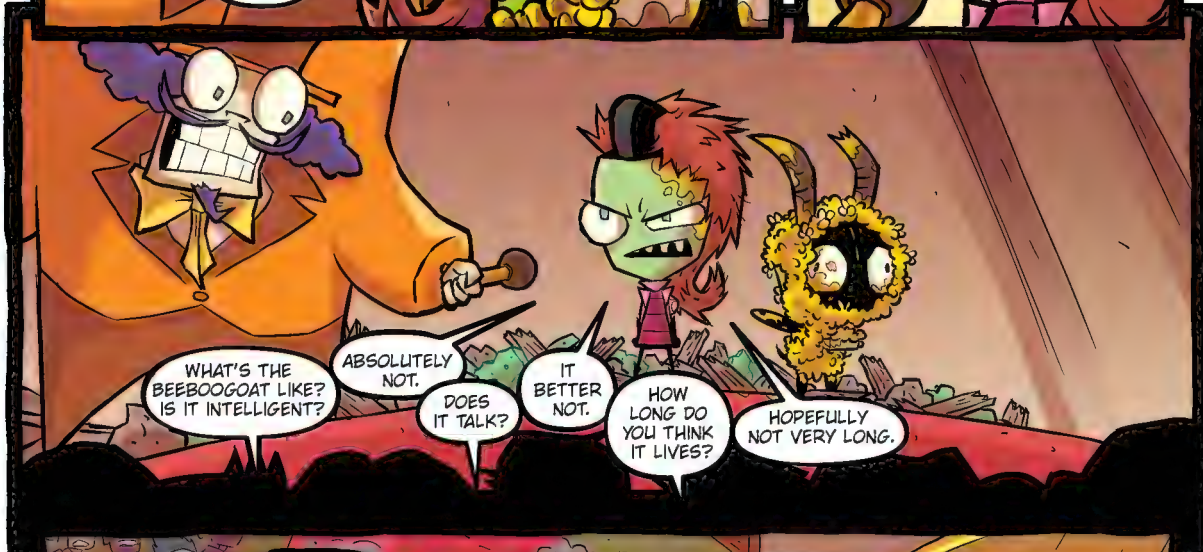
BUT TELL US...  
HOW DID YOU FIND THE  
LEGENDARY BEEBOOGOAT?  
WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?

WELL,  
I... I...



\*SIGH\*...  
I LURED IT  
WITH HONEY.

REALLY!  
I... WOULDN'T  
HAVE THOUGHT  
THAT WOULD  
WORK.



WHAT'S THE  
BEEBOOGOAT LIKE?  
IS IT INTELLIGENT?

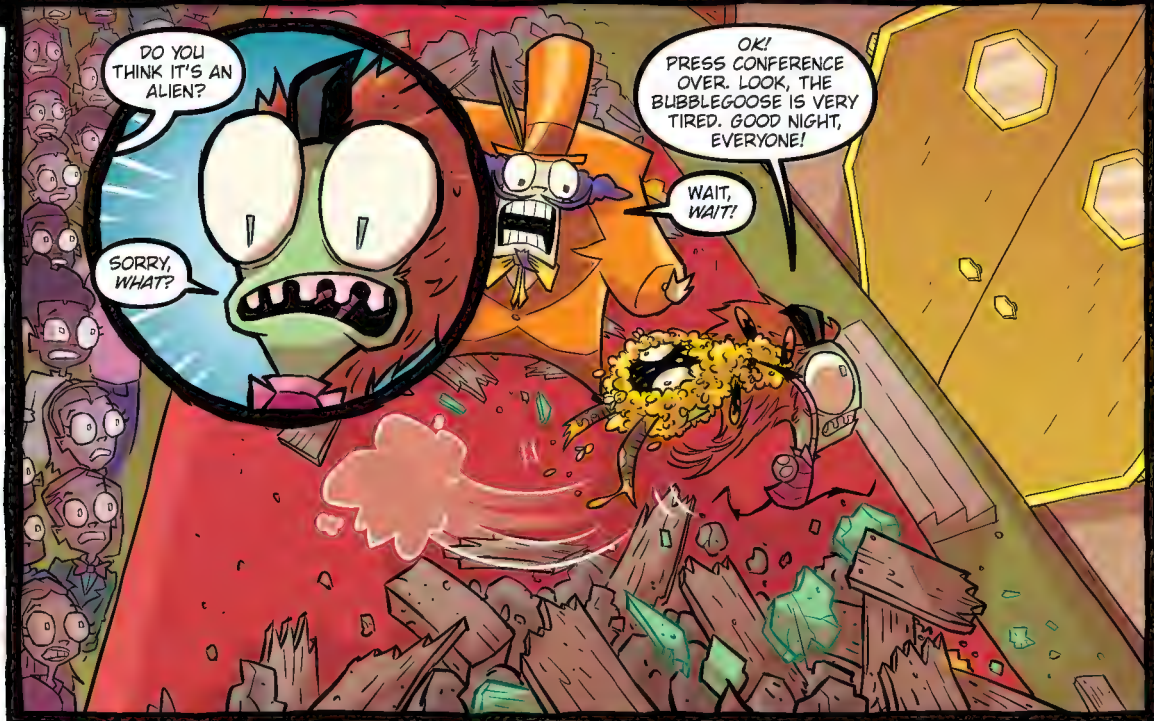
ABSOLUTELY  
NOT.

DOES  
IT TALK?

IT  
BETTER  
NOT.

HOW  
LONG DO  
YOU THINK  
IT LIVES?

HOPEFULLY  
NOT VERY LONG.



DO YOU  
THINK IT'S AN  
ALIEN?

SORRY,  
WHAT?

OK!  
PRESS CONFERENCE  
OVER. LOOK, THE  
BUBBLEGOOSE IS VERY  
TIRED. GOOD NIGHT,  
EVERYONE!

WAIT,  
WAIT!

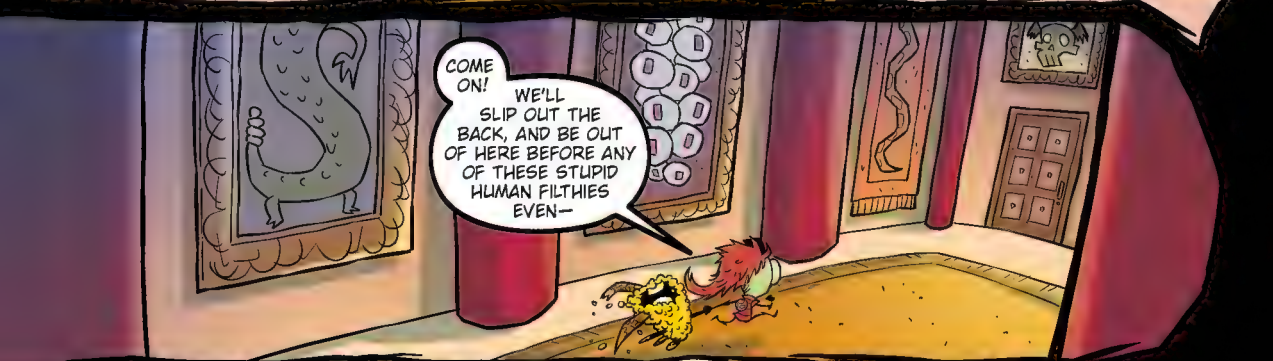




I DON'T LIKE THIS, GIR.

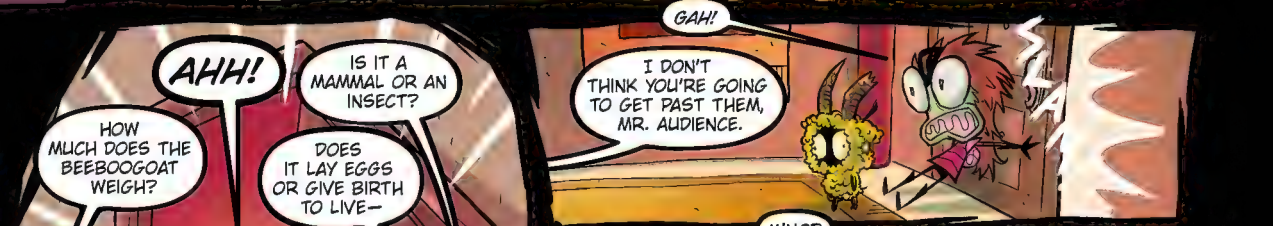
THERE'S TOO MUCH SCRUTINY. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

BUT WE JUST GOT HERE!



COME ON!

WE'LL SLIP OUT THE BACK, AND BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE ANY OF THESE STUPID HUMAN FILTHIES EVEN—

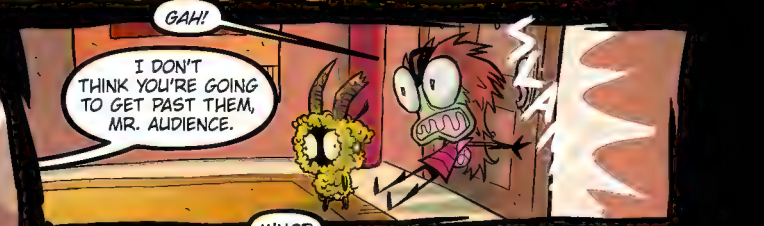


AHH!

HOW MUCH DOES THE BEEBOOGOAT WEIGH?

IS IT A MAMMAL OR AN INSECT?

DOES IT LAY EGGS OR GIVE BIRTH TO LIVE—



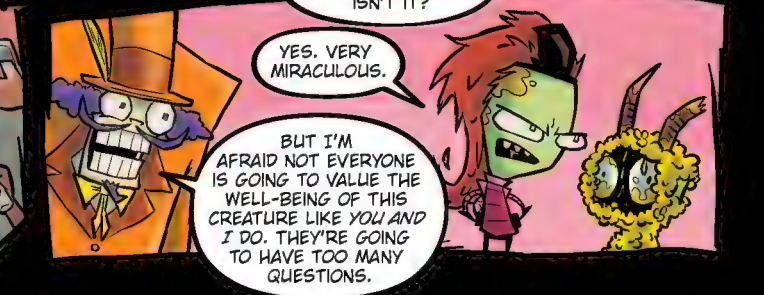
GAH!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET PAST THEM, MR. AUDIENCE.



WHO?

I MEAN... YES! THAT'S MY NAME. IT'S A REAL NAME PEOPLE HAVE.



SIGH... LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL CREATURE. IT'S TRULY A MIRACLE, ISN'T IT?

YES. VERY MIRACULOUS.

BUT I'M AFRAID NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO VALUE THE WELL-BEING OF THIS CREATURE LIKE YOU AND I DO. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS.



QUESTIONS?

OF COURSE. YOU'VE DISCOVERED A NEW LIFEFORM! EVERYONE'S GOING TO WANT A PIECE. THE MEDIA. THE GOVERNMENT. THE SHADOW GOVERNMENT. MAYBE EVEN THE DOUBLE SHADOW GOVERNMENT.

THEY'LL WANT TO IMPRISON IT. CONDUCT STUDIES. MAYBE EVEN DISSECTIONS.

THEY CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!

I MEAN... TO MY BABARGOOT, WHICH I VALUE SO MUCH, I THINK OF IT AS AN EXTENSION OF MY OWN BODY.

AS DO I, MY FRIEND. WE NEED TO PROTECT THIS MIRACLE.

WHICH IS WHY YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT HERE WITH ME!

MY STATE-OF-THE-ART SECURITY SYSTEM CAN PROTECT THE BEEBOGOAT FROM ANY WOULD-BE ABDUCTORS.

THIS GLORIOUS CREATURE COULD LIVE HERE ON MY COMPOUND, IN A FREE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT. ONE WHERE I...

...COULD GET TO KNOW IT BETTER.

THAT SOUNDS... UH... MAGICAL AND ALL...

...BUT I THINK I'D BETTER SLEEP ON IT. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY OF, YOU KNOW... BEING A NORMAL HUMAN AND JUNK.

OH, YES. I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND.



HELP  
YOURSELF TO ANY  
OF THE BEDROOMS  
UPSTAIRS. YOU CAN  
STAY AS LONG AS  
YOU LIKE!

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO LEARN  
ALL ABOUT YOU  
BOTH!

YAY!  
WE'RE  
SLAMMING  
SO MANY  
DOORS!

SLAM!

ALL RIGHT.  
THAT'S ENOUGH  
OF THIS.

AWWWWW.

COME ON.  
WE'RE GETTING  
YOU OUT OF THIS  
JUNK. THEN WE'LL SAY  
THIS BARTLEGROT  
ESCAPED OR DIED OR  
SOMETHING.

JUST...  
\*RRRRGH\*... HOLD...  
STILL... \*NNNNGH!\*

\*RRRRGH!\*

IT'S ALL STUCK  
TO YOUR DOG SUIT!  
I CAN'T GET IT  
OFF!

WHY  
ARE YOU SO  
STICKY?!

PRACTICE!





THIS IS BAD, GIR. IF ANY OF THOSE HUMANS OUTSIDE GET THEIR HANDS ON YOU AND MANAGE TO TAKE YOU APART, THEY'LL FIND OUT YOU'RE REALLY A ROBOT! AND THEN THEY'LL REALIZE THAT I'M—

ALSO A ROBOT!



FOR THE LAST TIME, I'M NOT A ROBOT!

ME NEITHER! EEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!



BUT WE CAN'T STAY TRAPPED HERE FOREVER WITH THIS CRYPTID-OBSESSED NUTJOB.

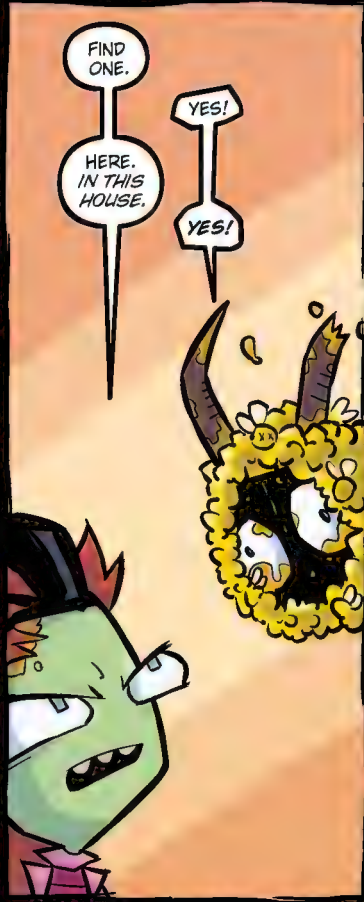
WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I GOT ONE!



REALLY.

YEAH! WE JUST GOTTA FIND A REAL BEEBOOGOAT.



FIND ONE.

HERE, IN THIS HOUSE.

YES!

YES!



FINE. WHY DON'T YOU GO GET STARTED ON THAT WHILE I TRY AND THINK OF A LESS STUPID IDEA.

I'LL CHECK INSIDE THE PILLOOOOOWS!



BILLIONAIRE, MAXWELL BEESWORTH AND NEWCOMER CRYPTID HUNTER, MIKE AUDIENCE SCORED A BIG WIN TODAY WITH THE SUCCESSFUL UNVEILING OF A REAL, LIVING SPECIMEN OF THE LEGENDARY BEEBOGOAT!

BUT IT WAS AN EMBARRASSING DAY FOR PROFESSOR MEMBRANE OF MEMBRANE LABS...

...AFTER HE PUBLICLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF THE CREATURE.

THE ONCE CELEBRATED SCIENTIST HAS BECOME A LAUGHING STOCK AFTER A VIRAL CLIP OF HIS MELTDOWN WAS PLAYED REPEATEDLY, ON THIS STATION, BY US.

WILL STOCK VALUES PLUMMET? ARE THERE STOCKS? IS MEMBRANE LABS EVEN A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY AT ALL?

BUT WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF MEMBRANE LABS AS A BUSINESS?

TRULY, THESE ARE QUESTIONS WITH NO EASY ANSWERS.

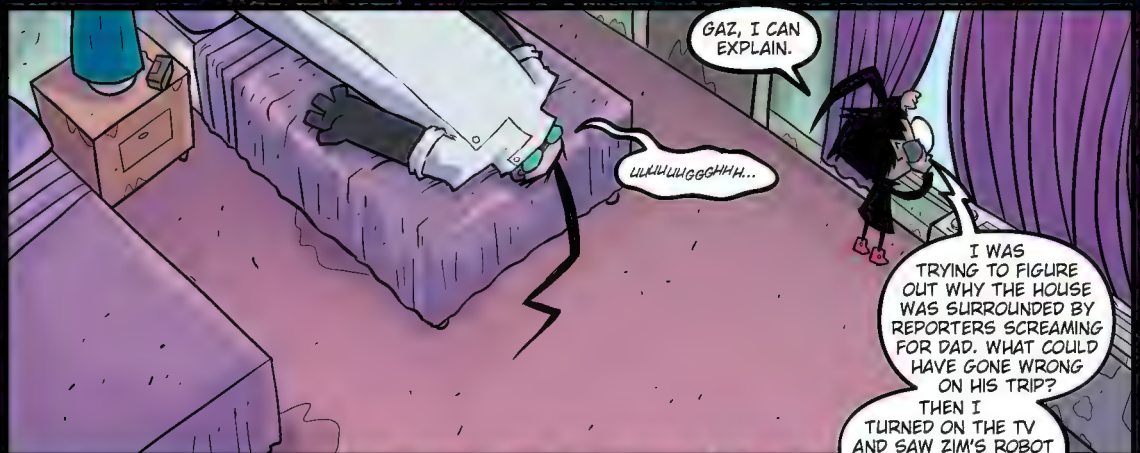


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GAZ, I CAN EXPLAIN.

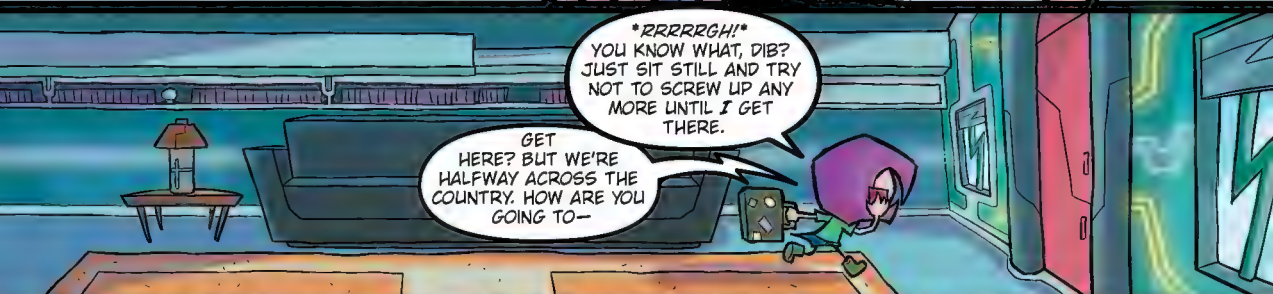
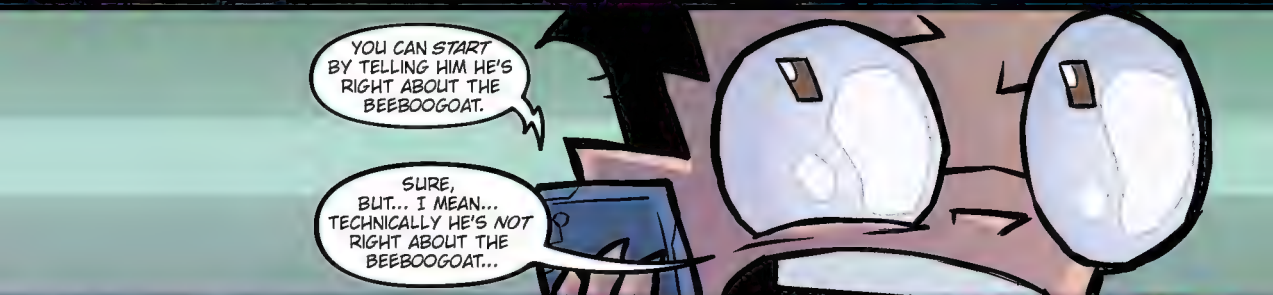
ULUWUUGGGHHH...



I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY THE HOUSE WAS SURROUNDED BY REPORTERS SCREAMING FOR DAD. WHAT COULD HAVE GONE WRONG ON HIS TRIP?

THEN I TURNED ON THE TV AND SAW ZIM'S ROBOT DOG COVERED IN BEES AND REALIZED...









HOW'S YOUR SISTER, SON?

TERRIFYING.



*\*SIGH.\**  
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS. I KNOW YOU WERE EXCITED TO COME WITH ME ON THIS TRIP SO YOU COULD COLLECT PINE NEEDLES FOR YOUR SCHOOL REPORT.

UH, YEAHAHAH... THAT WAS WHY.

BUT THANKS TO THOSE VULTURES OUTSIDE, I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO TO ANY OF THE LOCAL TOURIST SITES.

NOT EVEN VULTURE CANYON!



WOW. IRONIC.

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, SON.

IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT BEEBOOGOAT ISN'T REAL. IT'S NOT EVEN SLIGHTLY CONVINCING LOOKING!



WHY CAN NO ONE SEE THROUGH THAT TERRIBLE DISGUISE BUT ME?

AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S SANE? THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SEE THAT THIS CREATURE CLEARLY ISN'T WHAT THEY SAY IT IS?!



...REALLY? YOU CAN SEE THAT IT'S JUST A NORMAL DOG?

I... I CAN SEE THAT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT REALLY A BEEBOOGOAT, YES.

SON...



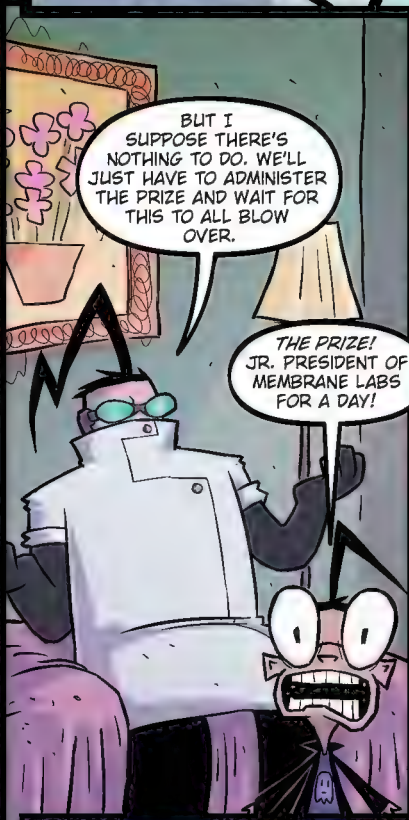




...THANK YOU.

I MUST SAY, I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IN THESE KIND OF OUTLANDISH CREATURES...

YEAH WELL... NOT THAT ONE, ANYWAY.



BUT I SUPPOSE THERE'S NOTHING TO DO. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ADMINISTER THE PRIZE AND WAIT FOR THIS TO ALL BLOW OVER.

THE PRIZE! JR. PRESIDENT OF MEMBRANE LABS FOR A DAY!



AND A MILLION DOLLARS. BUT IT'S OK. I CAN SELL THE PATENT FOR THE TEARLESS SELF-PEELING ONION.

NO... NO, WE CAN'T LET ZIM... I MEAN, *THAT GUY*... STEAL YOUR MONEY AND SULLY YOUR REPUTATION. NOT HIM OR HIS...



...ORDINARY GREEN DOG.

THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?



WE NEED TO BUST INTO THAT LODGE, FIND THAT BEEBOOGOAT, AND PROVE THAT IT'S... NOT WHAT HE SAYS IT IS.

YOU MEAN BREAKING AND ENTERING?



IT'S... FOR THE GREATER GOOD?

NO...

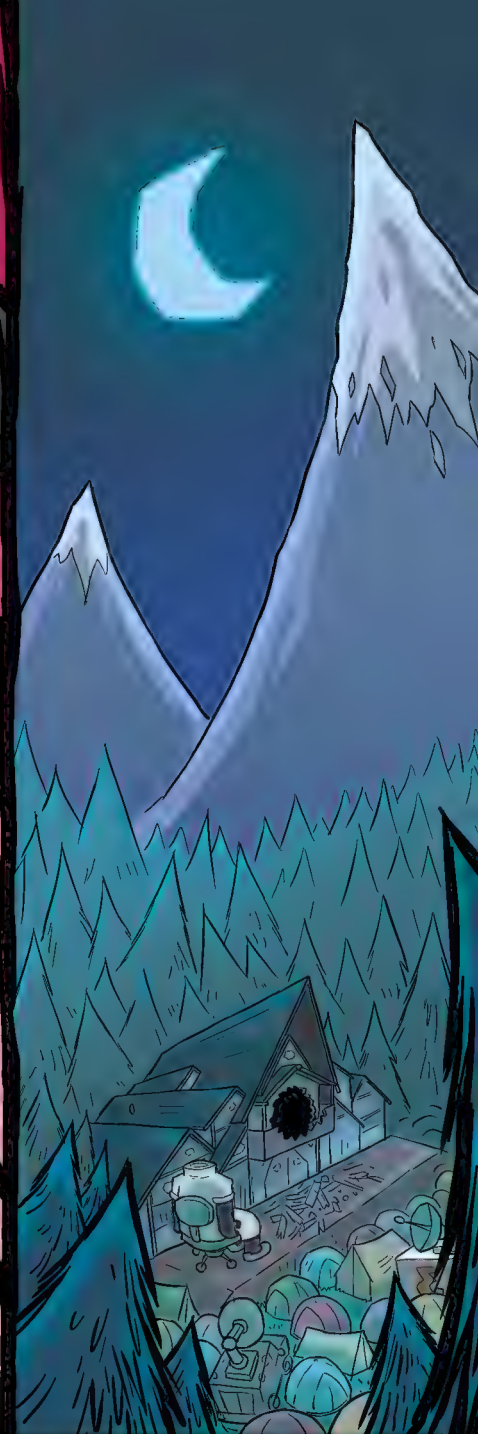




IT'S FOR THE  
GREATEST GOOD!  
**SCIENCE!**

COME ON,  
SON. LET'S FIND THAT  
FRAUD AND HIS RIDICULOUS  
FAKE PET AND EXPOSE THEM  
TO THE WORLD FOR THE  
CHARLATANS THEY ARE!  
**WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

YES  
PLEASE...



CAREFUL, SON!  
CAAAAREFUL. WATCH  
YOUR STEP!

I  
CAN'T  
SEE MY  
STEP!

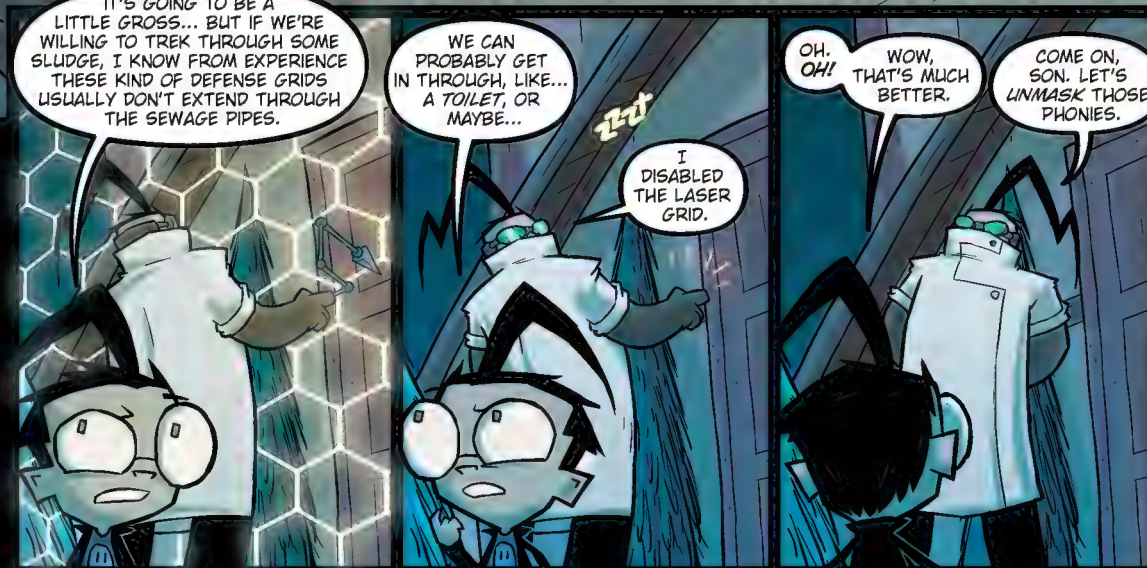
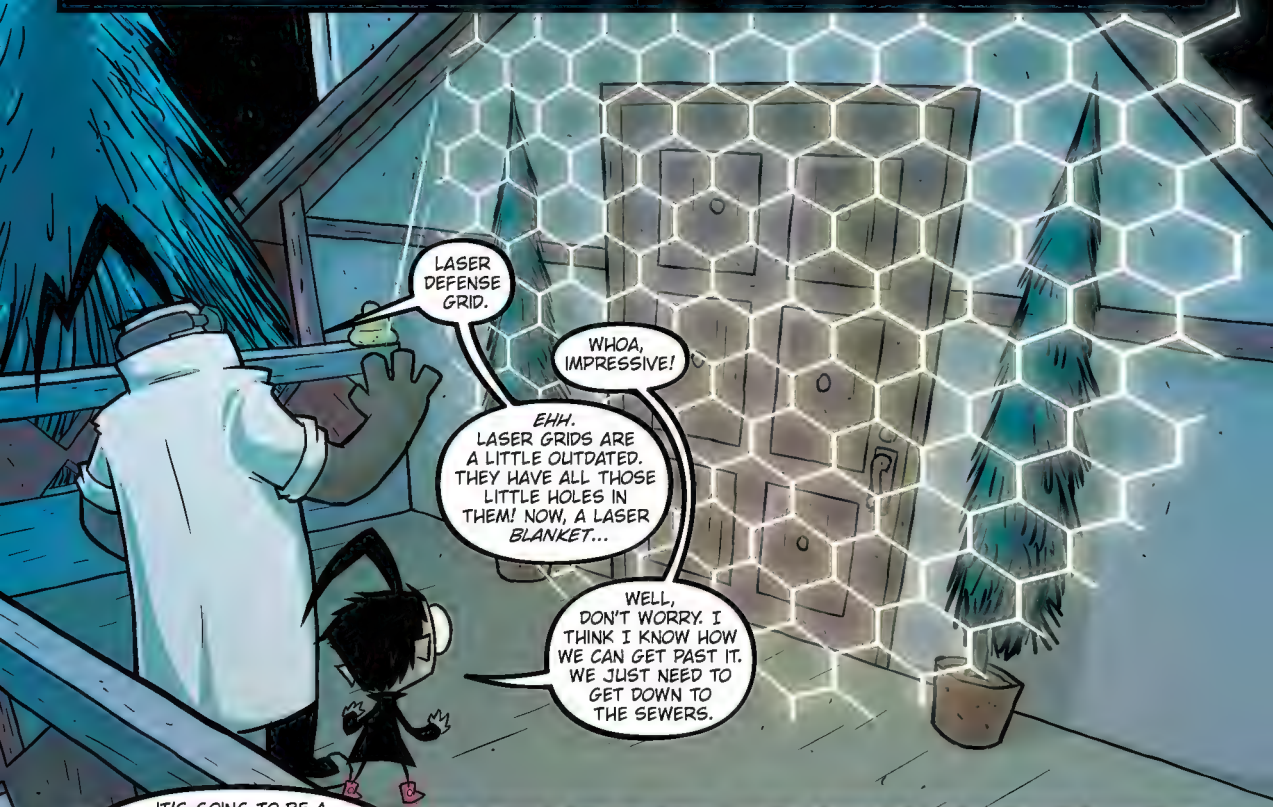


RIGHT.  
SORRY.

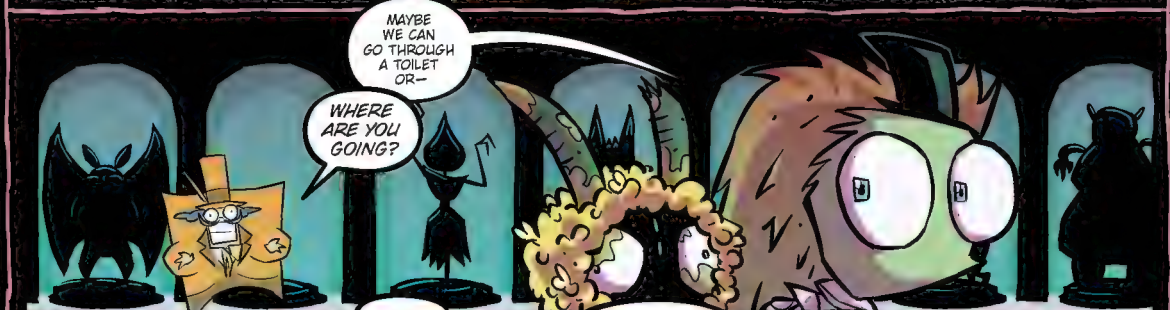
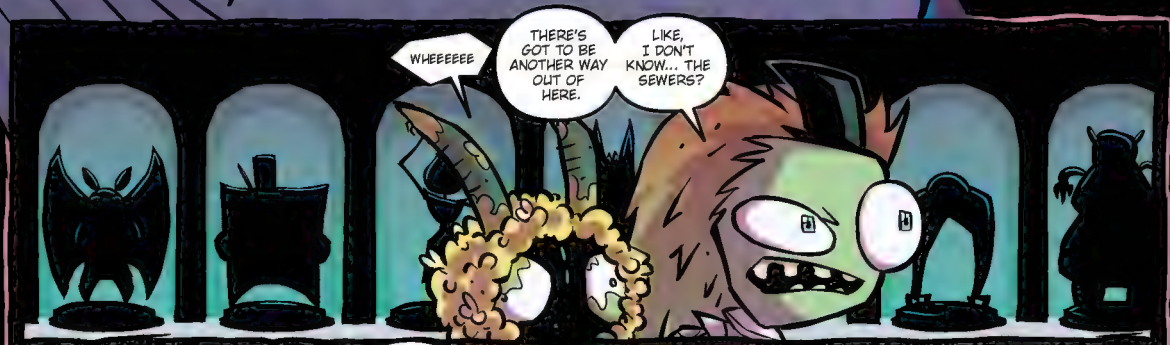
Wooooop!

WOW,  
DAD...

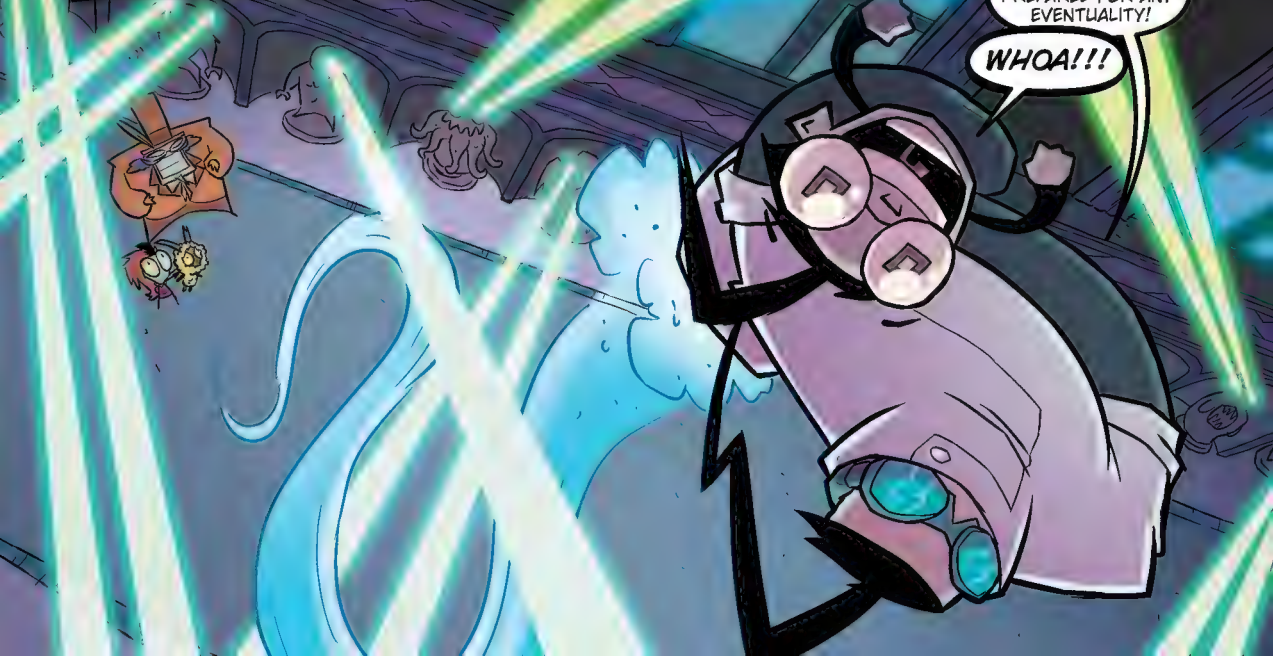
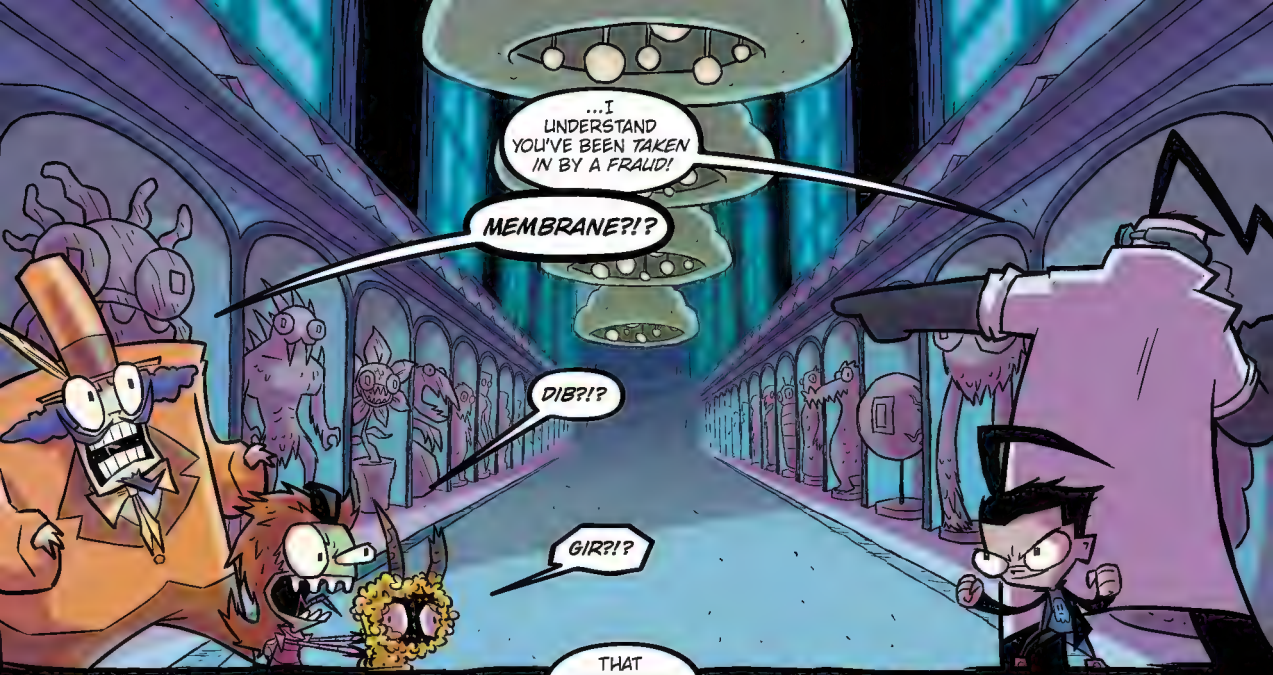




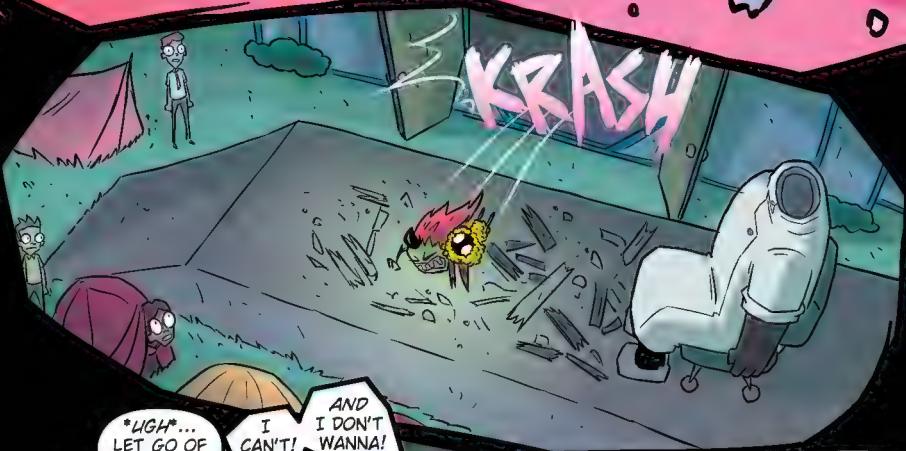














WELCOME TO MEMBRANE LABS, JUNIOR EXECUTIVE! IF YOU'RE HERE AS PART OF A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP, PRESS !: IF--

WHATEVER! WHAT'S IN HERE THAT CAN MAKE THINGS EXPLODE?

SORRY! SECURITY PROTOCOLS RESTRICT JUNIOR EXECUTIVES FROM ACCESSING "ANNIHILATION CLASS" EXECUTIVE FEATURES, SUCH AS--

BEND TO MY WILL, MACHINE!

RESTRAINTS OVERRIDDEN!

WHAT?!? NO!

THOSE RESTRAINTS WERE DESIGNED WITH YOUR SAFETY IN MIND!

LET'S SEE! WHAT HAS THIS THING GOT?

OOH... MISSILE-Y.









HUP!

I'VE GOT YOU, SON!

OOOF!

YOU...

ACK!

ME?!?



...HAVE NOT  
EARNED THE  
RIGHT TO CALL  
YOURSELF A JR  
EXECUTIVE!







WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT WAS THAT?

HEY, LOOK... IT'S MEMBRANE!

DID HE... TRY TO BREAK INTO BEESWORTH'S LODGE?

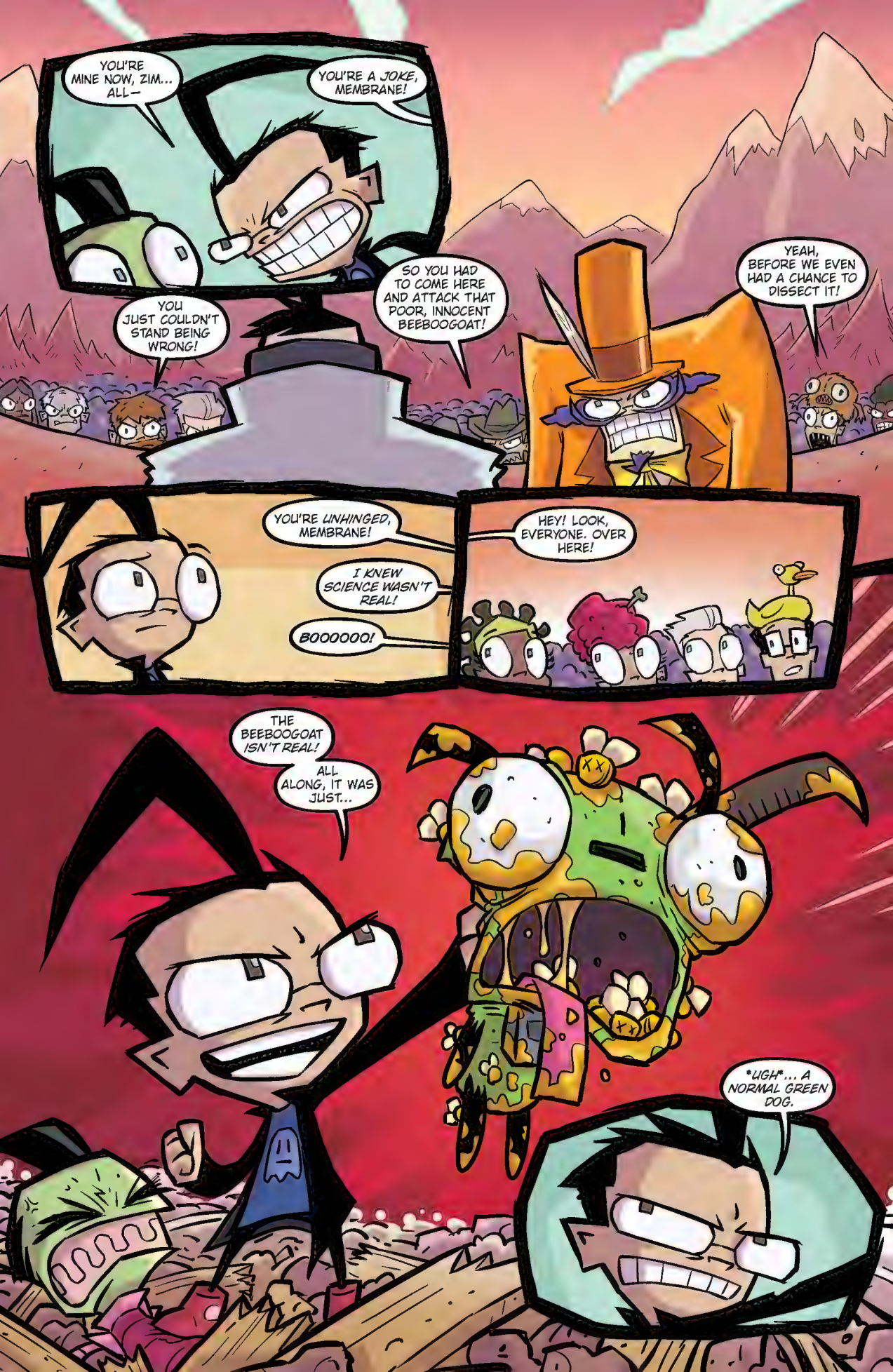
CALM YOURSELVES, CITIZENS! I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

WHAT DID YOU DO? WHERE'S THE BEEBOOGOAT?!

\*UINNGH\*... YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO AN EXECUTIVE...

BEEBOOOOGOOOAT...





YOU'RE MINE NOW, ZIM... ALL—

YOU'RE A JOKE, MEMBRANE!

YOU JUST COULDN'T STAND BEING WRONG!

SO YOU HAD TO COME HERE AND ATTACK THAT POOR, INNOCENT BEEBOOGOAT!

YEAH, BEFORE WE EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO DISSECT IT!

YOU'RE UNHINGED, MEMBRANE!

I KNEW SCIENCE WASN'T REAL!

BOOOOOO!

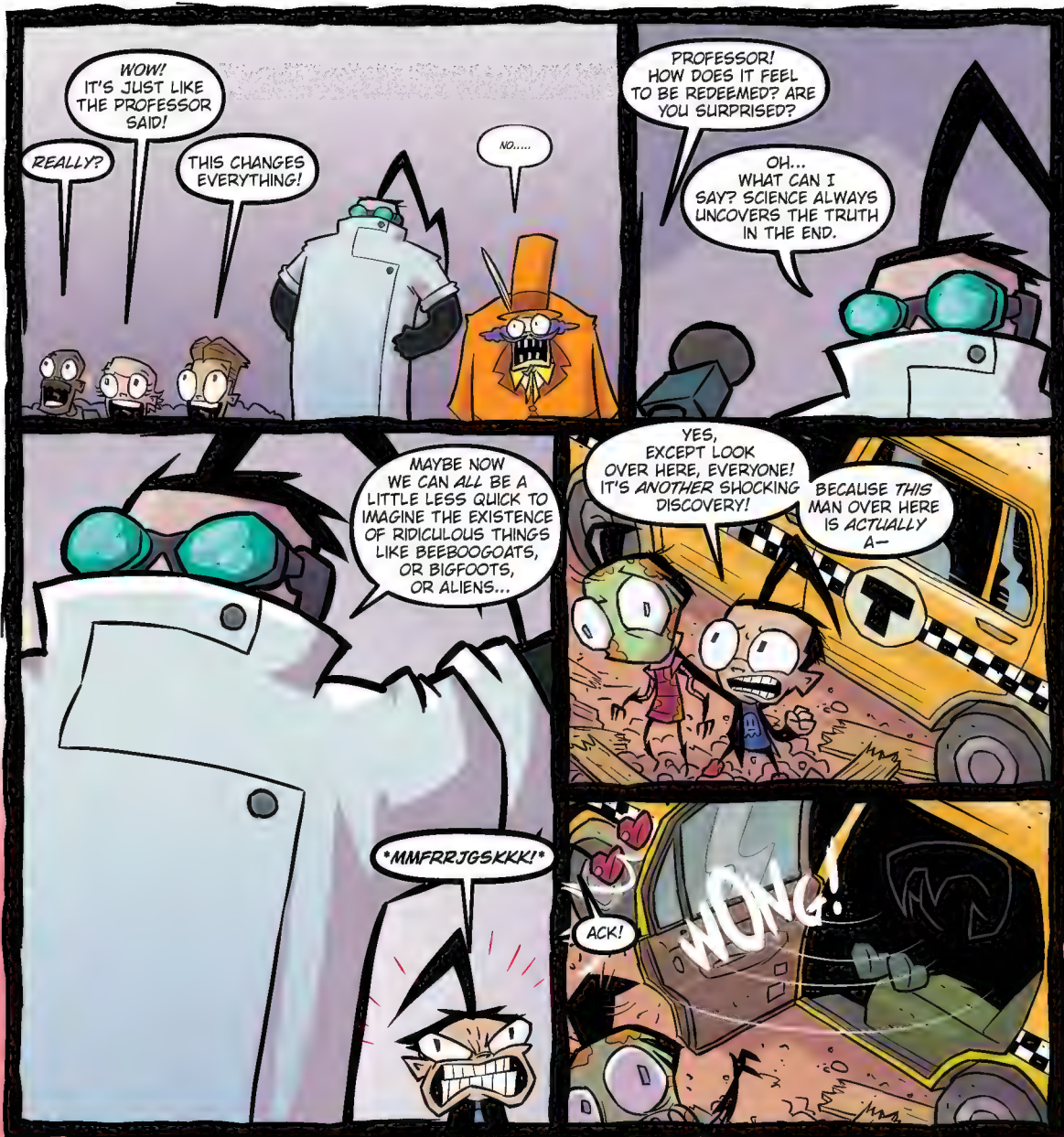
HEY! LOOK, EVERYONE. OVER HERE!

THE BEEBOOGOAT ISN'T REAL!

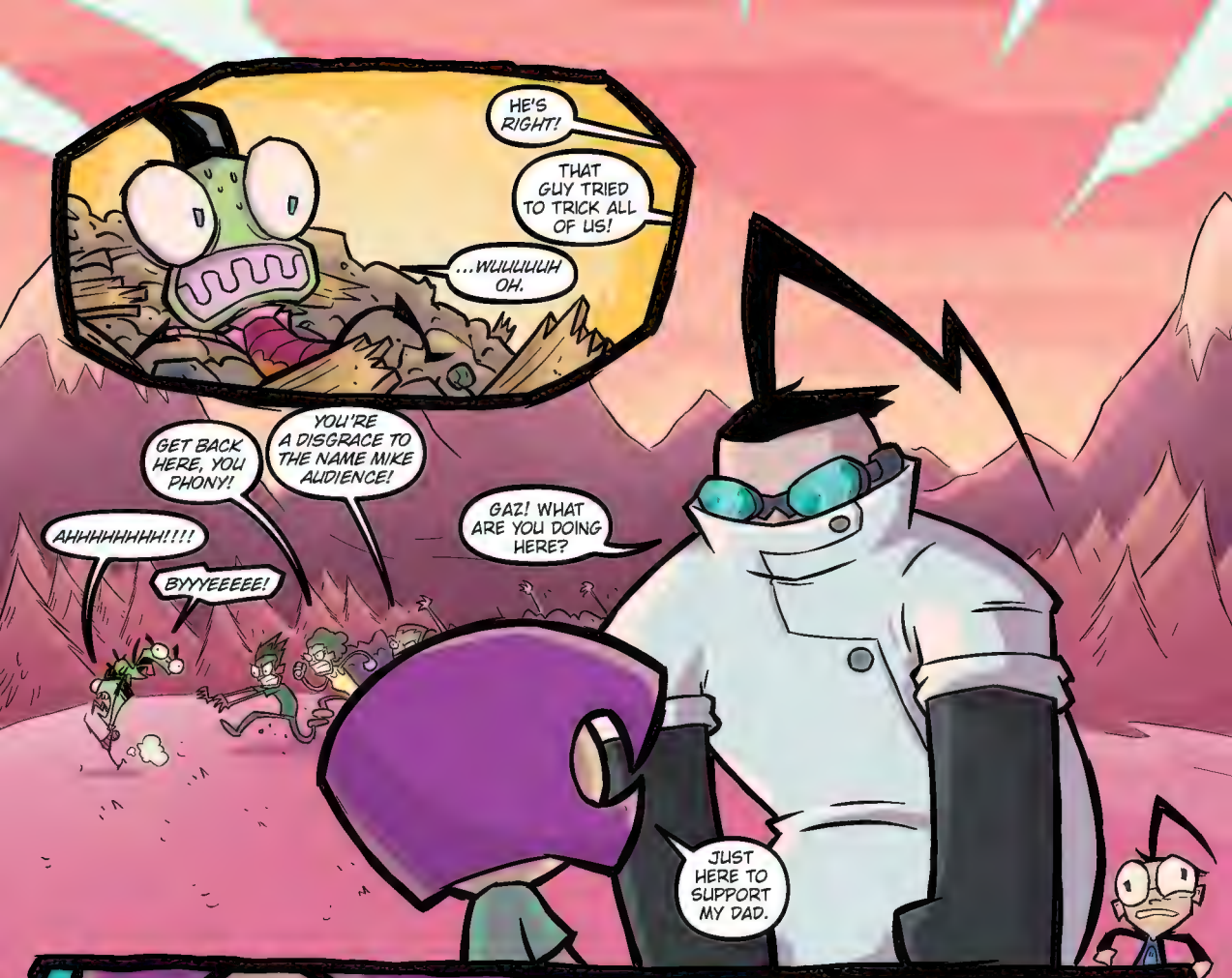
ALL ALONG, IT WAS JUST...

\*UGH\*... A NORMAL GREEN DOG.











...THE  
WORLD WE LIVE  
IN IS A FASCINATING,  
CONFUSING PLACE...  
ONE FULL OF DEEP,  
PROFOUND  
MYSTERIES.

AND  
SCIENCE IS ALL  
ABOUT SOLVING  
THOSE MYSTERIES,  
AND UNCOVERING  
THE TRUTH!

WITH PROPER,  
REAL STUDY AND  
INVESTIGATION, WHO KNOWS  
WHAT ACTUAL WONDERS  
WE MIGHT DISCOVER!

YEAH...  
YEAH!

MAYBE  
EVEN LIKE...  
ALIENS?

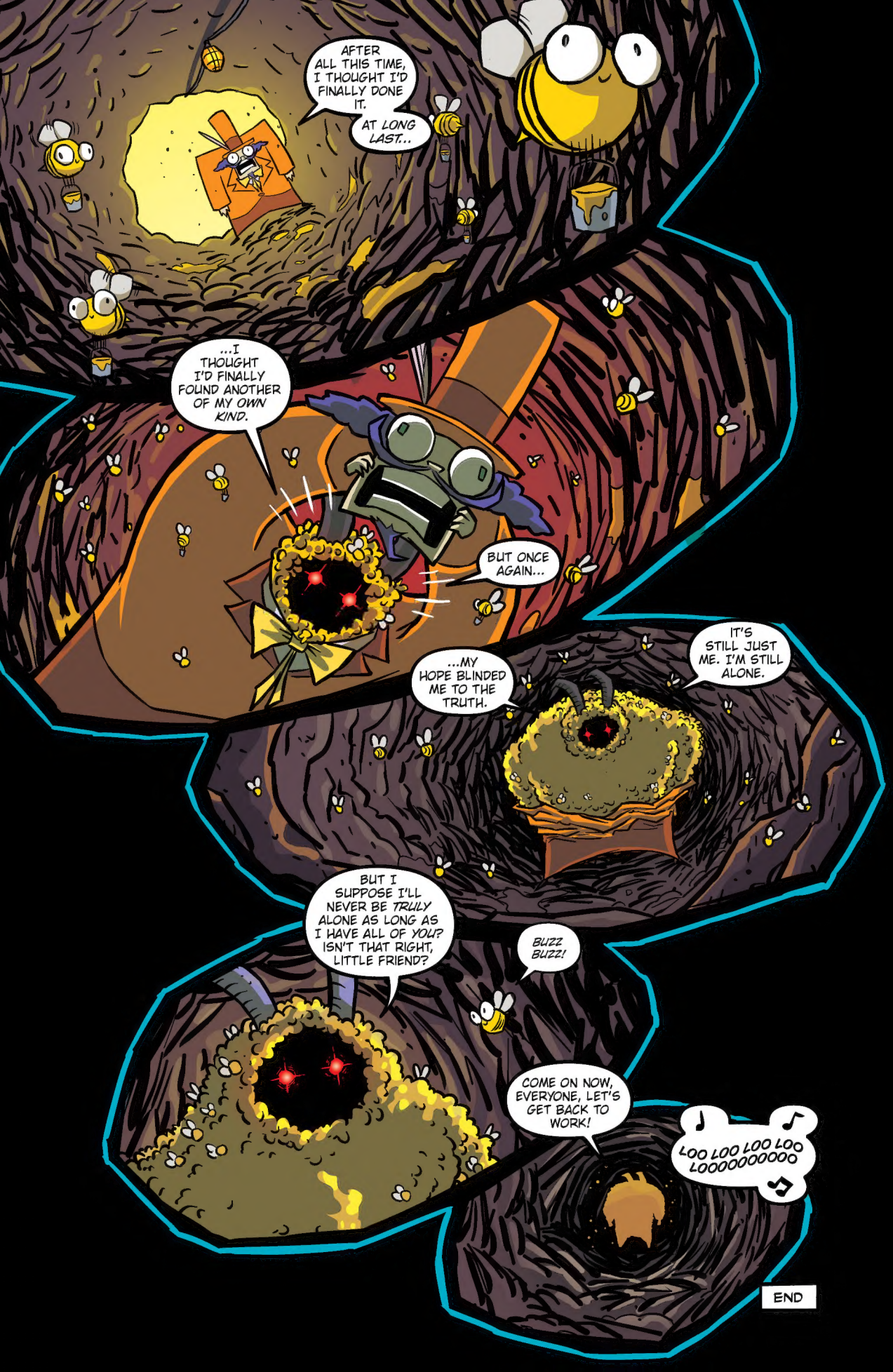
YES, THINGS  
EXACTLY LIKE  
THAT!

JUST NOT THAT,  
SPECIFICALLY.

\*SIGH...\*

\*SIGH\*...  
A LIE. IT WAS  
ALL A LIE!





AFTER  
ALL THIS TIME,  
I THOUGHT I'D  
FINALLY DONE  
IT.  
AT LONG  
LAST...

...I  
THOUGHT  
I'D FINALLY  
FOUND ANOTHER  
OF MY OWN  
KIND.

BUT ONCE  
AGAIN...

...MY  
HOPE BLINDED  
ME TO THE  
TRUTH.

IT'S  
STILL JUST  
ME. I'M STILL  
ALONE.

BUT I  
SUPPOSE I'LL  
NEVER BE *TRULY*  
ALONE AS LONG AS  
I HAVE ALL OF YOU?  
ISN'T THAT RIGHT,  
LITTLE FRIEND?

BZZZ  
BZZZ!

COME ON NOW,  
EVERYONE, LET'S  
GET BACK TO  
WORK!

♪  
LOO LOO LOO LOO  
LOOOOOOOOOOO  
♪

END



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